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a continuous belt for revolving during operation, said belt defining a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said belt having two protruding edges oriented in the longitudinal direction of said belt and being opposite one another in the transverse direction of said belt; and

a belt guide having stops with shaped surfaces acting on said two protruding edges of said belt;

said shaped surfaces being selected from a group consisting of inclined surfaces and curved surfaces, said shaped surfaces exclusively contacting said protruding edges of said belt.

Claim 4 (twice amended). A machine for printing images on flat printing material, comprising a belt drive including:

a continuous belt for revolving during operation, said belt defining a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said belt having two protruding edges oriented in the longitudinal direction of said belt and being opposite one another in the transverse direction of said belt; and

a belt guide having stops with shaped surfaces acting on said two protruding edges of said belt;

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said shaped surfaces being selected from a group consisting of inclined surfaces and curved surfaces, said shaped surfaces exclusively contacting said protruding edges of said belt.